REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2006. In the Office Action, claims 1-4, 6-10 and 18-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) has been filed and Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdraw of the outstanding rejection in light of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

Request for an Examiner's Interview

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney in the event that, after review of the arguments presented, the Examiner is not in full agreement that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. The undersigned attorney believes that such discussions will facilitate prosecution of the subject application. The undersigned attorney can be reached at the telephone number listed below.
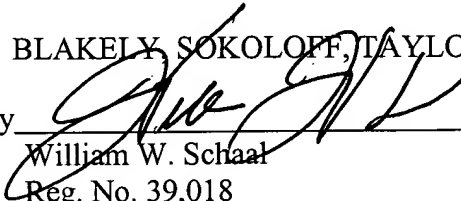
Conclusion

In view of the remarks made above, it is respectfully submitted that pending claims 1-4, 6-10 and 18-21 and 23-31 define the subject invention over the prior art of record. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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